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MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW WITH EXAMINER

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the telephonic interview conducted March 14, 2006, between the Examiner Kenneth L. Thompson and the attorney representative for Applicants, Shannon W. Bates of Conley Rose, P.C.

Applicants' representative requested the interview to discuss the *Final Office Action*, and in particular, the rejection of independent claim 1 and independent claim 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,678,635 to Dunlap et al. (hereinafter *Dunlap*), which is a newly cited reference.

The Examiner explained that he considers the entire tool shown in *Dunlap* Figure 1 to constitute the "body" of claim 1 or the "slip housing" of claim 16, and therefore, the Examiner takes the position that this tool includes all of the limitations of claim 1 and claim 16. Referring to the last element of claim 1: "wherein said plurality of moveable slips are positioned entirely within the body in the collapsed position", Applicants' representative pointed out that the moveable slips 52, 54 of *Dunlap* do not reside "within" any body in the collapsed position. Instead, the slips 52, 54 are disposed about the mandrel 22. In response, the Examiner explained that because the moveable slips 52, 54 do not extend radially beyond the outer diameter of the setting tool (ST) in the collapsed position, he considers the slips 52, 54 to be positioned entirely within the body in the collapsed position. Applicants' representative disagreed with this interpretation. No agreement was reached, and the Examiner indicated that the rejections would stand.

Possible amendments to claim 1 and claim 16 were also discussed. Applicants' representative pointed out that *Dunlap* does not teach slips that include a plurality of extensions corresponding to and engaging the plurality of angled channels according to dependent claim 2 and dependent claim 17. The Examiner indicated that combining claim 2 into claim 1 and claim 17 into claim 16, with further detailing of the location of the extensions, should overcome the *Dunlap* reference, but would require a further search. Accordingly, Applicants have provided such amendments to claim 1 and claim 16 in the present Response to the *Final Office Action*, which is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).